



MITIGATED DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

Description of proposal: Radio Flyer VDT Timber Sale, App. No. 83735, and Forest Practice Application No. 2810944. Uneven-aged harvest of 2,299 MBF of timber from 309.6 acres.

Description of mitigation: See attached sheet.

Proponent: Department of Natural Resources.

Location of proposal, including street address, if any: Sections 5 and 6 of Township 39 North, Range 05 East, W.M. Proposal is located 5 miles north of Deming, WA in Whatcom County, off the Hillard Road, and P-1000, P-1200, P-1300 and P-1400 forest roads.

Lead agency: Department of Natural Resources.

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

☐ There is no comment period for this Mitigated DNS.

☒ This MDNS is issued under 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from January 7, 2010. Comments must be submitted by January 21, 2010.

Responsible official: William J. Wallace

Position/title: Northwest Region Manager Phone: 360-856-3500

Address: 919 North Township Street, Sedro-Woolley, WA 98284

Date: _____ Signature: William Wallace

There is no agency SEPA appeal.

MITIGATED MEASURES

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Streams:

- 7 type 3 streams with a 135-foot riparian management buffer that will be thinned. Harvesting will occur no closer than 25 feet to the type 3 streams. There will be an equipment limitation zone of 25 feet adjacent to the inner zone resulting in a 50-foot equipment limitation zone off of the 100-year floodplain.
- 15 type 4 streams with a 100-foot riparian management buffer that will be thinned. Harvesting will occur no closer than 25 feet to the type 4 streams. There will be an equipment limitation zone of 25 feet adjacent to the inner zone resulting in a 50-foot equipment limitation zone off of the 100-year floodplain.
- 31 type 5 streams will be protected with a 30 foot equipment limitation zone.

Wetlands:

- 2 forested wetlands greater than 1.0 acre in size, with a 135-foot wetland management buffer that will be thinned.
- 1 forested wetland less than 0.25 acres will be protected with 30 foot equipment limitation zones.

Slope Stability:

- Potentially unstable areas were bounded out of this proposal.

Green tree retention and wildlife:

- An average of 140-160 trees per acre, including trees from the dominant crown class and largest diameter class, will be retained.

Logging methods:

- Proposal will be yarded by cable and ground-based systems. Leading end of logs will be suspended during yarding.